

TREASURE TALK

CENTRAL FLORIDA METAL DETECTING CLUB

MAY 2001

CLUB'S WEB SITE-----<http://www.geocities.com/g8r81/cfmdc.html>

Central Florida Metal Detecting Club meets the 2nd Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The club meetings are held at the Sanford Garden Club building. For directions and other information call Ray Leist---904-428-3401

Presidents

Corner

It seems like a lot of things have happened since I last wrote this newsletter. First we had a beach hunt. About 12 people showed up for the clean up and beach hunt. Everyone was given a garbage bag and told they could hunt for 3 hours and to pick up garbage from the beach. The good finds (money, jewelry ect.) was very scarce but the garbage was plentiful. Bill Ackerman was the winner with the most garbage. Other winners were Grady Cox, Rich Kordeleski, and Ralph All. It was just nice to get out and enjoy. The beaches are not producing much right now but we always get out there and try.

The fight still goes on in New Smyrna as we are now waiting for the city commissioners to have their meeting and decide if they are going to approve the Historical Society's proposal. Then it will be up to us to test out what they have proposed. If they say that we can hunt public land with written permission then we need to proceed to see what kind of permission we can get. Remember that they first said, and this is what the archaeologists wanted, they were proposing a complete ban on all metal detecting on public land in New Smyrna. Only if they say that we can hunt disturbed areas with

permission, then that is what we will be trying to accomplish. I need to get a clarification that if a archaeological site is disturbed does it remain a archaeological site. If so, why? And if not then we might be able to hunt these sites. It would not hurt to start sending these people a few words about how you feel. The following is City Employees e-mail and the cities fax number. City of New Smyrna— Fax # 386-424-2109

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If just a few people sends them a message it certainly wont hurt. Thanks.

We need to remember those on our do better list - Sue Rainey, Peg Walker, and Tony Krapil. Our list is getting shorter so maybe your thoughts and prayers are working. Try to remember these people with a call or send them a card. Some day (we hope not soon) you may be on this list. If we haven't seen your face in a while, we have missed you. We will see you at the next meeting and don't forget“ bring a stranger”.

President Ray Leist

Happy Mother's Day

Treasure hunters code of ethic's

I Will not treasure hunt on private property without permission of the owner.

I Will not destroy historical sites, private or public property.

I Will not tamper with signs, structures or equipment.

I Will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources and private property.

I Will fill all my dug holes, remove and properly dispose all trash that I find.

I Will leave the property the same as I found it.

I Will assist law enforcement, government agencies and private citizens as needed.

I Will not litter-----

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Secretary's Report For April Meeting

Submitted by Chuck Hosbein

The April meeting of the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club was called to order at 7:40 pm by president Ray Leist. Ray opened the meeting with his joke of the month. This month's joke was about two older ladies driving down the road and running all the red lights..... who's driving anyway? We had no guests at the meeting tonight. Everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during the month of April were recognized. Secretaries and treasurers reports were read and accepted. The bank balance was \$1716.55. This was an estimate. Lonna had not received the bank statement yet. Ray noted that the club's membership is down about 20 members. He will be printing up some business cards for everyone so we can see if we can boost the membership some more. Ray read some information from several letters he has recently received. John Whitworth's letter discussed trips being put together. There was a website mentioned in the letter. A news letter from the metal detecting club in Grant Florida included information about their recent hunt. There were also several letters about other hunts being put together around the country. The letters were available at the meeting for anyone who was interested. Ray asked that they not be taken home. Ray next gave everyone an update on the situation in New Smyrna. He read some of the information in the proposal that has caused us all some grief. It is virtually identical to the one passed in Edgewater and Oak Hill. Ray has asked that everyone who can make it to the Wednesday meeting of the city council in New Smyrna to please do so. We need to show them that we are not happy in what they are attempting to do

The meeting was scheduled at 5:00 pm at the city hall. There is a lot of confusion in the document about what an artifact is. For example, the proposal indicates that all artifacts should be turned over to the city no matter how old they are. Awards were given to several club members this month. Roland Davis, Don Hickey and Tim Beckett received awards for their help with the Orlando Police Dept. Glen Hanson received awards for returning a \$2500 ring and a \$2000 necklace to their owners. Ray has put together a club hunt for this month. It will be on the beach in New Smyrna on Sunday April 8th. Everyone who is going is asked to meet at Flagler Av. on the beach at 9:00 am. Jerry Hitson still has some extra CD's for the Gold Digger program. See him at the next meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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FINDS OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL

SINGLE COIN----- Glen Hanson
1873 silver dollar

GROUP COIN'S ----- Glen Hanson
1882 and 1885 silver dollars

SINGLE JEWELRY--Richard Kordeleski
10k Gold ring with stone

GROUP JEWELRY----- Fred O'Neal
Gold and silver necklaces and earrings.

SINGLE ARTIFACT---Dave Gascoyne
1830's Lion Head cuff link

GROUP ARTIFACTS--- -Dave Gascoyne
Civil and Seminole war musket balls

SINGLE ODDS/ENDS-----John Faiello
12 gauge shotgun

GROUP ODDS/ENDS-----Grady Cox
Toy cars, license plate, misc items

ARE OLD BOTTLES VALUABLE?

THE FOLLOWING IS SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE VALUE OF BOTTLES AND HOW TO COLLECT AND FIND THEM.

BOTTLES HAVE BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME. THE EARLIEST BOTTLES THAT EXIST TODAY DATE BACK TO THE ROMAN AND EGYPTIAN EMPIRES WHERE THERE WAS AN ABUNDANCE OF SAND.

WAYS TO TELL THE AGE OF A BOTTLE.

1. AGE OF BOTTLE CAN BE RECOGNIZED BY THE SEAM MARKS. IF THE SEAM GOES STRAIGHT THROUGH THE TOP IT IS ABM (AUTOMATIC BOTTLING MACHINE) PROBABLY 1907 ERA. THE LOWER THE SEAM THE OLDER THE BOTTLE.
2. SECOND WAY TO DATE THE BOTTLE IS TO LOOK FOR A PONTIL SCAR ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOTTLE THIS WHICH WILL BE A SHARP RING OR GLASS PIECE OR INDENTED IRON DEPOSITS ON THE BOTTLE. THESE ARE USUALLY PRE 1865 AND ADD WORTH TO THE BOTTLE.
3. EMBOSSING - VERY IMPORTANT IF THE BOTTLE IS TO HAVE VALUE. THIS WILL TELL OF ITS PURPOSE AND MANUFACTURE.
4. LABEL ONLY BOTTLES ARE GENERALLY LESS VALUABLE THAN EMBOSSING.
5. COLOR AND CONDITION ALL ADD VALUE
6. IF THE BOTTLE IS RARE.

THESE ARE SIX GENERAL GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW WHEN DATING BOTTLES.

COLLECTORS BEWARE OF THE FOLLOWING BOTTLES.

DUTCH ONION BOTTLES (OLIVE GREEN) SHORT SQUAT WINE BOTTLES, USUALLY MADE BETWEEN 1650-1750 WITH PONTIL. THESE ARE NOW BEING REPRODUCED, THEY LOOK NEW, ANY BOTTLE IN PRISTINE CONDITION BEWARE OF. THEY CAN BE VERY GOOD REPRODUCTIONS.

FRUIT JARS: PLAIN JARS ARE BEING COLOR "ENHANCED" BY GAMMA RAY'S. THIS IS DONE BY A SPECIAL PROCESS AND MOST OF THE TIME THE COLORS WILL BE DIFFERENT. THEY ARE VERY HARD TO TELL SINCE THEY WERE OLD JARS TO BEGIN WITH. BEST ADVICE, IF THE COLOR JUST DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT AND THE PRICE IS TOO CHEAP BEWARE.

SOME UNCOMMON BOTTLES.

FIRE GRENADES: THESE BOTTLES WERE DESIGNED TO BE DESTROYED IN THE CASE OF A FIRE. MOST COMMON COLORS ARE COBALT, GREEN, AMBER AND CLEAR. THEY USUALLY HAVE BANDS OR QUILTING ON THEM AND ARE

EMBOSSED WITH THE MANUFACTURES NAME THESE ARE USUALLY THE EASIEST TO FIND AND SELL FOR ABOUT \$75. THE RARER THE COLOR THE MORE EXPENSIVE. THEY ARE ABOUT 6-8" HIGH WITH A NARROW NECK AND A ROUND BODY. CAN BE FILLED OR EMPTY. VERY GOOD ONES GO FOR AROUND \$2000.

WITCH BALLS: UNLIKE FLOATS THESE GLASS BALLS HAVE A OPENING AT THE TOP FROM 1/4 TO 1 1/4 WIDE. THEY COME IN A VARIETY OF SINGLE COLORS OR MAY HAVE WIDE LOOPING'S, SWIRL'S AND SPECKEL'S AND SELL FOR AS LITTLE AS \$25 TO \$1000.

TARGET BALLS: THESE ARE LIKE A WITCH BALL BUT ONLY SMALLER AND HAS A LITTLE OPENING WITH A SMALL NECK. THEY USUALLY ARE COLORED BLUE, GREEN, LAVENDER AMBER. VALUE IS FROM \$65 TO \$2000.

WHERE TO FIND AND DIG BOTTLES: BOTTLES TURN UP ALL OVER. FARMS, AUCTIONS, UNDER PORCHES, BEHIND WALLS BASEMENTS, ATTICS, OLD HOMES, FLEA MARKETS, ANTIQUE SHOPS, THRIFT SHOPS, BOTTLE SHOWS AND IN THE GROUND. WHEN SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO DIG LOOK AT THE SURROUNDING AND ASK YOURSELF IS THIS AREA LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN NEAR WHERE PEOPLE USED TO TRAVEL OR LIVE. IS THERE A HOUSE FOUNDATION OR A TRASH PIT OR PRIVY? THE BEST PLACE TO DIG IS IN THE TRASH PIT OR PRIVY. IT'S A GOOD BET THAT A DEPRESSION THAT SINKS IN THE GROUND WILL LIKELY YIELD SOMETHING. WHILE outhouse digging may seem strange and frightening YOU MUST PUT IT INTO CONTEXT THAT THIS WAS OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AND THE REWARD CAN CERTAINLY BE WORTH IT. IT WAS COMMON PRACTICE IN THOSE DAYS TO THROW GARBAGE INTO THE PRIVY OR IN THE LOCAL TRASH PIT. THE BOTTLES FOUND IN PRIVY WILL MOST LIKELY BE ON THE BOTTOM (4' TO 15') DEEP WITH THE OLDEST BEING DEEPER. THE BEST DIGGING IS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES WHERE MOST OF THE HOMES WERE FIRST SETTLED. THE WESTERN STATES ALSO HAD AN ABUNDANCE OF GOOD DIGGIN AREAS BECAUSE OF THE GOLD RUSH OF THE

LATTER 19TH CENTURY. THE MIDWEST HAS STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF SPOTS TO DIG BUT THE QUALITY OF THE BOTTLES ARE USUALLY LESS VALUABLE.

CLEANING BOTTLES:

AFTER DIGGING BOTTLES MOST OF THEM NEED SOME TYPE OF CLEANING. BE CAREFUL HOW YOU CLEAN THEM. IF THERE IS ONLY DIRT AND DEBRIS IN THE BOTTLE JUST WASH OUT WITH WARM SOAPY WATER. IF YOU NEED TO GET SOME MORE DIFFICULT DEBRIS OUT THEN USE RICE, COPPER BB'S OR SAND. SWISH AROUND WITH SOME WATER ADDED. IF THERE IS A LIGHT HAZING IN THE BOTTLE THAT WONT CLEAN UP TRY MURIATIC ACID AND LET THE BOTTLE SIT IN THE SOLUTION FOR SEVERAL DAYS. A STRONGER SOLUTION OF WINK (RUST REMOVER) DILUTE THIS A LITTLE AND DON'T LEAVE FOR MORE THAN 20 MINUTES. LIME AWAY IS GOOD FOR REMOVING WHITE CALCIUM DEPOSITS. FOR A HAZED BOTTLE THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO HAVE IT PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED/ THEY USE A TUMBLING DEVICE THAT HOLDS THE BOTTLE IN THE CENTER, THEN THEY PUT CUT COPPER WIRE INTO THE BOTTLE WITH A SOLUTION OF WATER AND ALUMINUM OXIDE. THE BOTTLE IS RUN FOR 3-5 DAYS AND CYLINDER IS TURNED ONCE HALFWAY THROUGH. MACHINES LIKE THIS CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH MAGAZINES. THEY CHARGE ABOUT \$20-30 A BOTTLE. SOMETIMES THERE IS A RISK OF BREAKAGE SO USE YOUR OWN DISCRETION.

DAMAGE TO BOTTLES AND WHAT CAN BE DONE? SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT HAVE A ONCE IN A LIFE TIME CHANCE TO PURCHASE OR FIND A VERY RARE BOTTLE. UNFORTUNATELY THIS BOTTLE MAY HAVE A CRACK OR PART OF THE LIP OR BOTTOM MAY HAVE A CHIP. WHAT CAN BE DONE IF THIS BOTTLE IS INDEED A GREAT FIND AND IF THE BOTTLE HAS A CRACK IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO REPAIR. THE VALUE OF A CRACKED BOTTLE WILL BE MUCH LESS AND THERE IS ALWAYS THE CHANCE THAT THE BOTTLE WILL CONTINUE TO CRACK. IF YOU CAN GET THIS BOTTLE CHEAP ENOUGH AND IT IS A GOOD BOTTLE THEN BUY IT. CRACKS CANT BE REPAIRED BUT CHIPS CAN. THEY CAN BE FILLED AND MADE TO LOOK PRETTY GOOD. MOST OF THE TIME YOU CAN STILL TELL WHERE THE DAMAGE WAS BUT IT WONT CONTINUE TO CHIP LIKE THE CRACKED BOTTLES WILL.

BOTTLE AUCTIONS--- PRO'S AND CON'S:

PRO'S:

BOTTLE AUCTIONS PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR ALL

INDIVIDUALS TO BUY BOTTLES THAT THEY MAY NOT NORMALLY HAVE THE CHANCE TO FIND. YOU NOW DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE OR FLY OUT TO BOTTLE SHOWS BUT CAN FIND BOTTLE AUCTIONS CLOSER TO HOME. MANY QUALITY PIECES ARE OFFERED FOR SALE AND SOMETIMES YOU CAN GET A BARGAIN EVEN IF THE PIECE IS DAMAGED. IF YOU WANT THE ITEM ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS BID HIGHER. BOTTLE AUCTIONS ALSO LEAVE BEHIND A GOOD REFERENCE SOURCE TO LOOK AT AND LEARN FROM. THEY MAKE FOR AN EASY WAY TO OBTAIN SOME GOOD ITEMS.

CON'S:

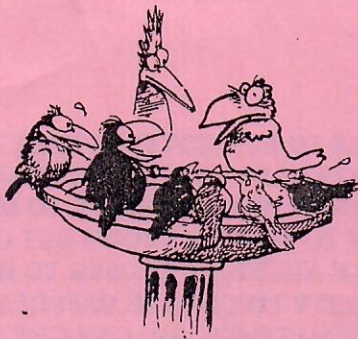
BOTTLE AUCTIONS ARE DEPLETING THE SHOWS OF QUALITY BOTTLES. MOST PEOPLE FIND A SCARCE BOTTLE AND JUST ASSUME TO PUT IT UP AT AUCTION. WHY DO THEY DO THIS? PEOPLE USUALLY WILL PAY MORE AT AUCTION. THIS MEANS THAT BOTTLE AUCTIONS WILL DRIVE UP THE PRICES. THIS MEANS THAT THE SCARCE BOTTLES ARE NOT BEING FOUND AT SHOWS ANYMORE. ALSO IF THE BOTTLE BROUGHT \$600 AT THE AUCTION THE LAST TIME IT SHOULD ALSO BRING \$600 OR BETTER THE NEXT TIME. A LOT OF THE BOTTLE AUCTIONS ARE HELD AT BIG AUCTION HOUSES. THEY IN TURN SEND OUT A VERY COLORFUL CATALOG AND SOME TIME THESE PICTURES MAKE THE BOTTLE LOOK VERY GOOD. MAYBE EVEN BETTER THAN THE ITEM REALLY IS. CONSIGNERS OFTEN HAVE TO PAY THE AUCTION HOUSE 20-30 % AND WITH BUYERS FEES OF 20-30% THE AUCTION HOUSES ARE MAKING OUT REAL WELL. SOME TIMES MINIMUM BIDS ARE SET TOO HIGH AND THIS ALSO IS A BAD WAY TO SELL AND BUY BOTTLES AT LARGE AUCTION HOUSES. HOWEVER IF YOU CAN FIND SMALL AUCTIONS IN SMALL TOWNS YOU CAN SOMETIMES COME AWAY WITH A VERY GREAT PURCHASE.

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SOME QUOTES FROM AIRLINE ATTENDANTS:
"THANK YOU FOR FLYING WITH DELTA. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED GIVING US THE BUSINESS AS MUCH AS WE ENJOYED TAKING YOU FOR A RIDE."

AS THE PLANE WAS ABOUT TO STOP OVER THE LOUDSPEAKER WAS THE WORDS "WHOA, BIG FELLA, WHOA".

" AT YOUR DESTINATION IT IS 50 DEGREES WITH SOME BROKEN CLOUDS BUT THEY WILL TRY TO HAVE THEM FIXED BEFORE YOU ARRIVE"



Watercooler Gossip

Have you heard what's happening in the Central Florida Metal Detecting Club?

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MAY 11TH --- Club meeting. We will be having a guest speaker from the 2nd street pawn shop in Daytona Beach. He might tell you what your old finds are worth?? **CLUB HUNT!!!!** come and find out more?? If unable to come call Grady Cox @352-326-5710 or e-mail Al Mills @ mills@iag.net.

MAY 13TH --- MOTHER'S DAY.

MAY 28TH - MEMORIAL DAY.

Remember our Veteran's.

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HISTORICAL DATES IN MAY.

MAY 4TH 1970 - Four students killed at Kent State University during the Vietnam War.

MAY 5th 1961- Alan Shepard is first American astronaut in space.

MAY 7TH - Nazi forces surrender to General Eisenhower

MAY 13th - Churchill says " I have nothing to offer but blood, toll and tears.

MAY 14TH - Americas first manned Space Station.

MAY 17TH - Rubber band patented.

MAY 19TH 1884- First performance of Ringling Brothers Circus.

MAY 21ST 1881- American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton.

MAY 23RD 1945- Winston Churchill resigns.

MAY 24TH 1844- Samuel Morse taps out on the first telegraph message "What hath God wrought".

MAY 27TH 1923- Henry Kissinger born in Germany

MAY 28TH 1934- Dionne quintuplets born

MAY 30TH 1901- Memorial Day first observed in US

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THE MORE YOU SEARCH THE MORE YOU FIND
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TRIVIAL FACTS

The world termites outweigh the world humans 10 to 1
The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
The placement of a Donkeys eyes enables it to see all of its four feet at all times.
A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge, a dime has one less groove.
Until 1796 there was a state in the Union called Franklin. Which state was it??
One in every four Americans has appeared on television.
The average American will consume 11.9 pounds of cereal per year.
It's against the law to burp or sneeze in a certain church in Omaha Nebraska.
A human is born with 300 bones but when they reach adult life they have only 206